

West Lafayette Go Greener Commission Meeting
Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 7:15 PM
Council Chambers, West Lafayette City Hall

Attending: Allen Jacobsen; Denise Blank; Heather Gall; Kristin Flannelly; Lindsey Payne; Diane Damico; Dan Schuster; Peter Bunder
Others: Thom Davis (Oscar Winski); Michael Gulich (Purdue Director of Sustainability); Sara Peel (WREC)
Absentees: Rick Johnson; Dave Henderson; Josh Teasdale; Aparna Puri; Gene Hanus

- I. Diane: Call to order
- II. Thom Davis, discuss E-waste event
 - a. Michael Gulich - Purdue did have an e-waste event, but there was confusion with what was accepted, was limited to public, but wasn't clear to those with Purdue items; Purdue's items go to surplus store.
 - b. Diane – should this be on the Green Tour?
 - c. Diane – next event could include shredder, Styrofoam recycling
- III. Denise – composting
 - a. All bins gone (58), did need to outside boundary of Wabash Shores Neighborhood to Barberry Heights, held two workshops about 50 attendees, Lowe's was great to work with and replaced any issues
 - b. Heather – results of survey (see attachment), intention is to do a follow-up survey, and write another grant, do a larger program; we also gave away a lot of the grease collectors; should put something up in the newsletter
- IV. Sara – WREC, Urban Cost-Share program
 - a. TippiEcoNow – dynamic website to share green practices (<http://tippeconow.com/>) Cost-Share Program (<http://www.wabashriver.net/costshare>) – within treatment/critical area (http://tippeconow.com/images/priority_map.jpg) eligible for funding, up to 75% cost share, there are some caps; have already met with 25 urban and owners and 6 agriculture landowners, about a ¼ way through funding; almost all of WL side is included, as well as, Battleground; have funded Boiler Green's project for a rain garden; money is from IDEM 319 – part of Clean Water Act; contact Sara Peel for questions speel@lafayette.in.gov
 - b. Diane – consultation was quick and easy, gave recommendations, suggestions for what to do; labor can be included in the match; with those along Happy Hollow, working on creating a collective plan
- V. Dan – results of EPICS class survey (see attachment); looking at ways to reduce volume and waste going to landfill, so two zones of city that had highest volume were targeted, one was near campus; students created survey, went door-to-door, ½ occupied by students, ½ by homeowners; results 81% of homeowners recycled, 71% of students did not recycle, Dan decided really no need to move forward b/c no disincentive to not recycle and no incentive to recycle; Dan would like to submit to the City Council

- a. Peter – does need to go to Council, but if you want to share then great
 - b. Diane – we could just submit during annual report
- VI. Diane – contacted by Cook BioTech, they have a green time, we have \$250 if you need it; possibility – t-shirts, branding for GG, soil testing kits for phosphorus, Watts-up meters/Kill-a-Watts meters at libraries, back to school ideas – green lunches, nutrition, etc.,
 - a. Dan – kits are about 20-30 bucks, contacts have already been made with libraries, 5 at each library is pretty sufficient
 - b. Heather votes for Watts-up meters/Kill-a-Watts meters, Allen seconds, approved
- VII. Dan – community energy conservation challenge grant, Dan worked with WLHS to apply for grant, about 76 were submitted, were not selected.
- VIII. Peter – updated sewer plan passed, attempt to try and match WL ordinance to county and city stormwater ordinances; no other near-term issues coming up
- IX. Diane – what is going on with solid waste issues? Thinking about asking Sonja Marjoram to come and discuss; Dawn Boston had designed a building that would have met those standards, but didn't use that design, feels as though they are just looking to get rid of it; little concerned that we aren't in the picture, so who can follow up?
 - a. Allen – being required by State to build new facility b/c it didn't meet containment and enclosure requirements, bid was too high, so asking why we don't contract it out; volunteered to try and figure this out, will make some calls
- X. Kristin – of all the volunteers, only one emailed back, one did want to come, but still expressed interest
 - a. Dan – have them work on display for Watts-up meters/Kill-a-Watts meters
 - b. Lindsey – green business can always use help
- XI. Lindsey – restructured CBG committee into sub-committees (activities and events, application reviews, business tours, financial, marketing and media, recruitment and consultation) and in the process of finalizing a calendar for the year, marketing/media campaign, consultation service
- XII. Lindsey motions to approve October 2011 minutes with edits, Peter seconds, approved.
- XIII. Heather motions to adjourn, Kristin seconds, adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:17PM
- XIV. Next meeting January 10, 2011

Recorded by Lindsey Payne and submitted to Diane Damico on December 14, 2011